

# Big Kimono Sale!

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# Social and Personal

Hundreds of people will go to the Executive Mansion to-night to greet Governor Henry C. Stuart and his wife at their departure for a public affair and all of the people of the city and State are privileged to attend. The mansion will be elaborately decorated for the occasion, and many distinguished guests from all parts of Virginia and Washington will be present.

A number of former Governor William Hodges Mann's staff are in Richmond to attend the inauguration, and this morning at 10 o'clock will go to the Executive Mansion to present the Governor and Mrs. Mann with a handsome gift of silver by way of farewell. Colonel Alexander Donnan Hammon, of Petersburg, chief, will make the presentation speech.

An interesting event of this week will be the charity tea given at the Woman's Guild of Grace Episcopal Church, at the home of Mrs. Stafford Parker, 1211 West Franklin Street. Mrs. Parker will receive with Mrs. Egbert, G. Leigh, Jr., and Mrs. E. O. McCabe. An interesting program has been arranged, and there will be music and refreshments.

The marriage of Miss Hazel Dell Hudspeth, daughter of John M. Hudspeth, and Thomas Wilbur Fritchard, was celebrated at the home of the bride, 3214 East Broad Street, on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The Rev. Gerald Culbertson officiating. An orchestra accompanied the wedding march, and an array of gifts, including a silver service, a diamond ring, and a pearl necklace, were presented. The bride wore a gown of pink and white, and the groom wore a tuxedo. The ceremony was a simple and beautiful one.

The bride entered with her father, who gave her away, and wore a smart traveling gown of blue brocade, trimmed in fur, with hat to match. Miss Hazel Hudspeth, who was her sister's maid of honor, was gowned in pink and carried a bouquet of pink and white flowers. The bridesmaids were gowned in blue and white, and the groomsmen in tuxedos. The ceremony was a simple and beautiful one.

A reception followed, Mr. Hudspeth and Mrs. Fritchard presiding at the punch-bowl. The bride and groom, and Mrs. E. C. Bullington presided at the punch-bowl. The bride and groom, and Mrs. E. C. Bullington presided at the punch-bowl. The bride and groom, and Mrs. E. C. Bullington presided at the punch-bowl.

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her brother, P. St. Julien Wilson, in Washington, where they have taken an apartment at the Connecticut.

Mrs. Martin Williams, of Giles County, and Mrs. C. H. Williams, of Wytheville, in the Richmond to attend the inauguration of Governor Stuart.

Mrs. and Mrs. Henderson Halston, of Chatham, are registered at the Jefferson Hotel until Wednesday.

Miss Alice Blair has returned from the University of Virginia, where she attended the midwinter dances.

Mrs. C. B. Buchanan and Miss Harriet Buchanan have returned to the University of Virginia, where she attended the midwinter dances.

Mrs. John M. Steck and Miss Edith Steck, of Washington, are spending several days in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Jones have gone to Florida, where they will spend the remainder of the winter season.

Mrs. Lewis Byrd, who has been visiting friends in Richmond and Orange, has returned to her home in Gloucester.

Mrs. Ryland Gwathmey and Miss Lucy Gwathmey, of Louisiana, are spending a week in Richmond.

Mrs. John W. Carter, Jr., of Danville, is spending some time with friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent, of Boston, Mass., will lecture at 4 o'clock this afternoon before the members of the Woman's Club and their guests in the club rooms, and a large audience will be present to hear him.

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Good wearing Silk Hosiery, in all best colors, with double lisse sole and high lisse heel, the best of values for 50c.

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# TWO CORONATIONS

## ON YEAR'S PROGRAM

One in May at Athens and Other in July at Teheran, of New Sovereigns.

BY LA MARQUESE DE FONTENAY. KING CONSTANTINE's coronation in May, at Athens, is not the only affair of the kind that is scheduled for this year. News comes from Teheran that young Shah Ahmed, who has just celebrated his sixteenth birthday, and who succeeded to the throne in 1909, is to be crowned in his capital on July 17.

A royal commission has been formed there, for the purpose of making all the necessary arrangements for the ceremony. But it has been recoiled not to invite foreign governments to send special embassies for the occasion, owing to the length of the journey, to the troubled condition of the country, and above all, to the expense, which would be involved in their suitable entertainment. For the Persian treasury is still suffering from a chronic state of emptiness, and the collection of taxes, owing to misrule and disorder, is becoming increasingly difficult.

The coronation, however, will be a spectacle well worthy of a trip to Teheran by tourists from this country who have the necessary means and the leisure; and I would draw the attention of the moving picture concerns to the coronation, one of the features of the Persian program.

A grand Durbar, at which the provincial governors and chieftains from all parts of Persia, with their retinues, will each in turn offer their homage and tribute to the young "King of Kings," who will be seated for the occasion on the famous jewel-studded peacock throne. This is a long, couch-like piece of alabaster, supported by four golden lions, formerly belonged to the great moguls of the Indian empire of Delhi, and was carried off by Nadir Shah, on the occasion of his capture of that city in 1739.

The Persian crown is a huge mitre-shaped affair, resembling in form the papal tiara, save that there are no three crowns. It is literally covered with pearls, diamonds, rubies, sapphires and other precious stones, and is surmounted by a high jeweled agrette, attached to the crown by an enormous chain. Among the jewels of the crown is a wonderful diamond of great size and purity, engraved with the royal arms of England and Scotland, and which formerly belonged to Charles I. It was traced from England to Holland, where it was for a time in the possession of Charles II. Whether he sold it, pawned it, or had it stolen from him, it is impossible to say. At any rate, it found its way to Persia, and is known to have been among the regalia ever since the end of the seventeenth century.

No one ever ascended a throne with more reluctance than the present ruler of Persia. He was at the time barely eleven years old, and bound by ties of the greatest affection to his father and to his mother. He had to be literally torn from their arms when proclaimed as ruler, in place of his father, who was deposed and driven out of the country, into foreign exile. The lad, the first days of whose reign were spent in tears and lamentations, has never seen his parents since, the ex-shah making his headquarters in the great Russian city of Odessa; having, however, spent some months past at Berlin, in the strictest incognito, for

the purpose of submitting himself to a course of medical treatment.

Still another coronation set for this year is that of the Emperor of Japan, which is to take place in the fall, on which occasion the United States, like the other great powers, will be represented by a special ambassador. The ancient regalia of the Japanese, which dates back some twenty-five centuries, have never included anything in the nature of a crown, so it is doubtful whether there will be any actual coronation, unless a crown is manufactured for the occasion. It is more likely that the ceremony will consist of the solemn investiture of Yoshi-Hito with merely the ancient insignia of Japanese sovereignty. His father, Mutau-Hito, succeeded to the throne in February, 1867, and received his investiture in October, 1868. But since then Japan has won for herself a foremost place in the concert of civilized nations as a great power; and, in view thereof, it is intended that the investiture should be attended by an infinitely greater amount of pomp, ceremony and splendor than in any previous reign.

The Japanese regalia consists, first and foremost, of a mirror, then of a sword, and also a tusk-shaped jewel; all of which are held by the Emperor, as was the case with the first Emperor of Japan, by his mother, the Sun Goddess, 600 years before the beginning of the Christian era. According to Japanese legend, the Sun Goddess bestowed these symbols of sovereignty upon the "Yamato" upon Jimmu, first Emperor of Japan, by his mother, the Sun Goddess, 600 years before the beginning of the Christian era. According to Japanese legend, the Sun Goddess bestowed these symbols of sovereignty upon the "Yamato" upon Jimmu, first Emperor of Japan, by his mother, the Sun Goddess, 600 years before the beginning of the Christian era.

"Look upon this mirror as if it were my own spirit, and reverence it as you would my own presence. For centuries upon centuries shall thy descendants rule this country with purity, like light that radiates from the surface of the mirror. Deal with thy subjects with the gentleness typified by the bland and soft lustre of the jewels. Combat the enemies of the empire with the sword." And these words have been used ever since, through all these 2,500 years, in the investiture of Jimmu's successors on the throne of Japan. In the direct male line, without a break, the regalia has descended to the present Emperor, himself a descendant of the gods, the existence of the regalia dates back to the very foundation of the Japanese empire. Without the regalia, the empire would hardly be conceivable to the Japanese people. The whole tradition of the dynasty is bound up with the regalia, and the possession thereof bestows sovereignty by divine right. In fact, the instinct of the Japanese people is to acknowledge no man as Emperor unless he possesses these sacred symbols of Japanese sovereignty.

The regalia is preserved in the great Utsunomiya Temple at Ise, sacred to the worship of the Sun Goddess. It cannot strictly be called an ancient temple. For it has been erected anew every twenty years, and the old temple, which stood on the site, each temple occupying the same site, being the exact reproduction of its predecessor. It is wonderfully picturesque, embosomed in woods of magnificent old trees, and its high towers, rising like a virgin princess of the imperial family.

Lord Athlone, who has just arrived in New York from England, is celebrated as the cleverest bridge player the United States has ever known. He is a rule never to play for money. Of course, this has served to vastly increase his popularity, as he almost invariably wins. Moreover, it is extremely politic on his part. For, being a rule never to play for money, the ill-natured people would instantly have taken a living at the card table.

He is a splendid swimmer, and on one memorable occasion saved the life of Lord Randolph Churchill, who, being to the sea at Cowes and rescuing him from the imminent danger of drowning.

A soldier by profession, he served in Egypt under both Wolsley and Kitchener, and was noted for his bravery and unflinching cheerfulness under even the most trying circumstances of those Sudan campaigns. He is unmarried, has been engaged to Miss Muriel Wilson, of Tranby Croft, and was formerly in the Goldstone Club.

His patronymic is Somerville, and his family is an ancient Scotch house, which has been settled for some three centuries in Ireland. One of its members, Sir Quinlan Somerville, was Lord Mayor of Dublin in 1748. He was received a baronetcy from George III, which was held by the present Lord Athlone's father until he was raised to the peerage for his services as Irish secretary.

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Appeal to I. C. C. BY FRUIT GROWERS

Allege Discrimination by Eastern Railroads in Favor of Northern Producers.

Winchester, Va., February 1.—A committee representing the leading fruit growers of the State, who are members of the Virginia Horticultural Society, and also appearing in behalf of the Eastern Fruit Growers Association, have filed a petition with the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington, alleging discrimination by Eastern railroads in favor of the apple growers and buyers of New York State and those of Virginia.

The petition, which was filed by the Virginia Horticultural Society, and also appearing in behalf of the Eastern Fruit Growers Association, have filed a petition with the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington, alleging discrimination by Eastern railroads in favor of the apple growers and buyers of New York State and those of Virginia.

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